

**CHAPTER 16**  
**Building**  
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**16.01 Purpose of Code**

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMUM STANDARDS. The purpose of this chapter is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and employees by establishing minimum standards for the design, construction, structural strength, quality of materials, adequate egress facilities, sanitary facilities, natural lighting, heating and ventilating, energy, conservation and fire safety for all public buildings and places of employment.

(2) (Am. #1-13) SUPPLEMENT. The provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to supplement any and all laws of the State and orders of the State Department of Safety and Professional Services relating to buildings.

(3) SCOPE.

(a) The provisions of this chapter shall govern the design, construction, alteration, repairs, demolition and moving of all buildings and structures.

(b) All buildings and structures hereafter erected, altered, repaired, moved or demolished that are used or designed to be used for the purpose herein defined shall comply in full with the requirements of this chapter. No provision of this chapter shall be construed to repeal, modify or constitute an alternative to any lawful zoning regulation.

(4) CHANGE OF USE. When the use of a building or structure is changed and the requirements for the new use are more stringent than those for the previous use, then such building or structure shall be made to comply with the requirements for the new use as provided in this chapter.

(5) PROHIBITION. No person shall maintain, occupy or use a building or structure or part thereof that has been erected or altered in violation of this chapter.

(6) STATE CODES ADOPTED.

(a) (Am. #1-13) Wisconsin Commercial Building Code. The Wisconsin Commercial Building Code, Wis. Admin. Code SPS chs. 360 to 366, and all amendments adopted thereto, shall apply to all public buildings and places of employment and is hereby adopted by reference as if fully set forth herein. Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall be applicable. In any specific case, different sections of this code specify different materials, methods of construction or other requirements, the most restrictive shall govern.

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(b) (Am. #1-13) Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code. The provisions of Chs. SPS 320 to 325, Wis. Adm. Code, and this chapter shall apply to construction and inspection procedures used for all new and existing one and two family dwellings, manufactured building for dwelling and newly constructed community based residential facilities providing care treatment and services for 3 to 8 adults. State building permit seals will not be required for permits for one and two family dwellings built before June 1, 1980.